## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. 1:08-cr-00015
v.	)	Honorable Janet T. Neff
RONNIE JOE FRITZ,	)	
Defendant.	)	

## REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1, I conducted a plea hearing in the captioned case on May 29, 2008, after receiving the written consent of defendant and all counsel. There is no written plea agreement. At the hearing, defendant Ronnie Joe Fritz entered a plea of guilty to the Indictment charging defendant with being a felon in possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1), 921(a) and 924(a)(2). On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find that defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; that the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; that it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises; that the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law; and that the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

I therefore recommend that defendant's plea of guilty to Indictment be accepted, and that the court adjudicate defendant guilty. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, and

imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge. The clerk is directed to procure a transcript of the plea hearing for review by the District Judge.

Date: May 30, 2008 /s/ Ellen S. Carmody

ELLEN S. CARMODY

United States Magistrate Judge

## **NOTICE TO PARTIES**

You have the right to <u>de novo</u> review of the foregoing findings by the district judge. Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than ten days after the plea hearing. *See* W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1(d).